

**CLIFF  
STEARNS**

Congress

September 4, 1996

Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

This letter is with reference to the late filing of the Pre and Post-Primary 48 hour reports. Due to a change in personnel with Friends of Cliff Stearns, there has been some miscommunication as to whether we would need to file the Pre-Primary 48 hour report. Once we realized that we did indeed need to file, we have done so.

Cliff Stearns was not faced with any Primary competition and therefore did not appear on the ballot in Florida. It is for this reason that there was some confusion as to whether we needed to file. On the notice that I received, which I have included in this report, it states that only those candidates participating in the election needed to file, because Cliff Stearns did not appear on the September 3 ballot, I assumed that he was not participating in this election. Please except any apology for this confusion, in the future we will be sure to contact the Federal Elections Commission for clarification.

Attached is our Pre-Primary 48 hour report as well as our Post-Primary 48 hour report, as well as a copy of the instructions page from where the information discussed above came from. I have underlined the portion of instructions that confused us. Should there be any problems with these reports, please contact Trey Cherry, Campaign Coordinator.

Thank you for your time and understanding.



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